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This information was given to me by Fanny Schindler.

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DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM AND KATHARINA EICHER MOSSER

The information given here comes from a booklet written by one of the daughters of the above named couple in 1914. Mrs Resina Mosser Gerber had it published by one of her grandsons in the state of Washington. She sent a few extra copies to some of her nieces. Mrs. Jacob C. Schindler received hers on Jan. 5, 1915. My mother told me her grandfather had no relatives around here, and he spelled his name with a double s. The grandmother had some Eicher cousins; I never heard of any brothers or sisters. Some of the cousins moved from Wayne County, O. to Kitchener, Canada, and from there to Elkton, Michigan. There are two branches of Eichers and a certain Dr. Eicher in Chicago, now deceased, received people from both branches as his relatives.

Quotation from the booklet: "My father, Abraham Mosser, was born in Switzerland in 1794. My mother was born in Alsace in 1801. They were married in Alsace when mother was 22 years old. They had three small sons when they came to America.

Father took up a homestead one mile northeast of what is now Orrville, Ohio. There were 100 acres in the homestead, most of it timber. Father cut trees to build a two-room log house and a log barn.

Here six more children came to them, and little Jacob, who was their baby when they came to America, died when he was five years old.

They planted a large orchard of apples and cherries, and about the year 1840 they built a stone house with a cellar under the whole house. I was born in the new house on March 19, 1842. Three younger children came afterward.

My parents were Mennonites. These people had a strong church in our community, they held meetings every two weeks. The meetings were held in the homes of the members and often times in the barn if the house did not accommodate them.

When I was ten years old a railroad was built from Massillon to Wooster, only one mile south of our place. Orrville was not commenced until that first railroad came through. Their address was Wooster. Father had bought 60 more acres and the survey cut the place diagonally in two from southeast to northwest. So father sold the land to the railroad company for \$4,500.

We left Wayne county, O. on April 3, 1854, to move to Adams Co., Ind. where Father had bought 160 acres for \$3,400. Father, mother and two small sisters went on the train. My brothers, Peter and Solomon and sisters Mary, Fanny, Anna and myself went in wagons. We were on the road eight days.

Our new place had a two-room log house, a log barn, a small orchard and a well. We soon built an addition to the house and cleared all the land but twenty acres.

This farm is on Rd. 116, south of Linn Grove, on the east side of the road, and on the west side of the road is the cemetery where there is a long row of Mosser graves. Abraham Mosser was a horse trader and kept high bred cows. He kept at least two hired hands.

My grandfather Schindler worked for him for six years before he was married.

I will now quote from her booklet again: Christian, my oldest brother was married and has five children. His wife was killed in a rail accident. Later he married Sophie Pontius and they had one son. (I do not know this family, but Reicheldeefer's in Geneva had some connection with this family.) A widow from Christian's family married the elder Reicheldeefer, so they are really not of the Mosser family.

Roman numerals are children and cardinal numbers are grandchildren:

I. Christian--his family was mentioned on page 1.

II. Joseph-- was married, and in 1854 his wife died, leaving him with three small children. He married again to Anna Pith and they had 8 children.

1. MaryAnn (Mrs. Peter J. Liechty) Dan, John and Barbara Liechty
Anna (Mrs. Noah Pusey) Ervin, Ft. Wayne
Mary (Mrs. Charles Pusey) Richard, Ft. Wayne
Kathryn (Mrs. Ira Lybarger) Jess, Geneva
2. Elizabeth (Mrs. Chris Yoder) Mrs. Lydia Roth--
Mrs. Truman Gottschalk;
Mrs. Fred Fox, Mrs. Reinhard, Max Reinhard;
Mrs. Jacob Fox, Kansas, Miss Gladys Fox, Flanagan, Ill
Miss Clara Yoder
Some boys-- Roger and Thelma Yoder, Berne
3. Jonas--No family
4. John--has a child in Hammond and one in So. America

III. Jacob--died in Ohio when 5 years of age

IV. Abraham--Married Sarah Homan. They had one son who was 8 years old when they moved from Ind. to Minn. We heard from them twice, and then never again. This was during the Indian Wars, and we feared they were killed.

V. Peter--married Barbara Studky

1. Susan (Mrs. David Hirschy)--Rufus, Menno, Emma
2. Peter--Married Sarah Snyder
Lilah, Esther, Irene, Harold, Mildred
3. Mary (Mrs. David Shanebeck) Henry, Ezra, Selma,
Clarence, Safara, Naome
4. Emma (Mrs. Jerry Liechty)--Howard, Ruth, Naomi,
Herman, Orpha, Gordon, Mario, Dorcas, Mirian,
Anna Barbara
5. Three or four died in their youth.

VI. Katie--(Mrs. John Zimmerman)

1. David--Amos, John, Simon, Mary, Kathryn, Elmer and others.
2. Mary--was married to a Pontius. She and her twins died in 1895.


VII. Mary--Married Christian Plank. They lived in Lagrange county and had a large family. Amos, Dan, Mrs. Yoder, Mrs. Greenwalt, Mrs. Canagy, Mrs. Mast, Mrs. Lydia Horner.

VIII. Fanny (Mrs. Christian Stucky)

1. David--Mrs. Joel Augsburger, Eli, Ivan, Mrs. Jesse Clauaen, Lillie. Deceased are Elmer, Noah, Joseph, Chris.
2. Abraham--Rufus, Ella, Jesse (all deceased)
3. Solomon--died an infant
4. Christian--Cora, Lilanshikoske, Fannie, Marie, Mamie
5. Leah--Married Abraham Egly--Simon, Amanda, Jesse, Harvey, Christion, Valentine.
6. Henry--Leo and Halda.
7. Katie, Mrs. Peter N. Moser--Edna, Henry, Edwin, Raymond, Chester, Palmer.
8. Mary, Mrs. Jacob C. Schindler--Fannie, Vilas, Gladys.
9. Lydia--died at 2 years
10. Posina, Mrs. Samuel Klopfenstein--Melvin, Chris and Lillian
11. Rachel, Mrs. Levi Klopfenstein, Woodburn--Francis, Florence Ann, Glenn, Rosslla, Marcella, Verona.
12. Amos--Mabel, Walter, Wilmer, Ave, Floyd.
13. Fannie, Married first to Noah Baumgartner; then on his death to Adam Augsburger--Lucille, Dorothy, Earlin, Gordon, Roger. The boys are Augsburger the 3 girls, Baumgartner.

IX. Anna, Married Benedict Stucky and Michael Zehr--John, Katie, Mary, Joe, Solomon, Abe, Sarah Stucky and then Amos and Dr. Noah Zehr.

1. John--Mrs. Orval Stucky, Robinson, Ill.--a large family
2. Katie, (Mrs. Chris Roth)--Joe, Millie, Elma, Chester, Alma, Savilla (Mrs. Edgar Habegger), Clara, Henry.
3. Mary, (Mrs. David Fox)--Minerva, Ervin, Clarice.



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4. Joe--(Moved to Ariz. in 1906); family in Cal. now.
 5. Solomon--Clarence, Lester, Leona Whiteman (her only child is Judge Whiteman in Portland.)
 6. Clarence--Family in Arizona.
 7. Abe--was never married.
 8. Amos Zehr--killed in street car wreck in Seattle. No record of children.
 9. Noah--physician in Fort Wayne; has 3 children.
- X. Rosina--Married Christian Gerber of Woodford Co., Ill. She is author of the booklet.
1. Noah--4 children; Married to Catherin Stell.
 2. John--Married Eliza Roman--5 children, one is Joseph Roman Gerber
 3. Samuel--Married Amanda Pine; 2 children
 4. Ella--Married William F. Pine--4 children
 5. Minnie--Married Daniel J. Raber--4 children; New Paris or Goshen, Ind.
 6. Daniel--Married Katie Helmuth--6 children
 7. Frank--Married Jennie Cox--3 children
- XI. Solomon--(Married Elizabeth Schlatter) cannot give children by age.
1. Joe, a homesteader in Minnesota.
 2. Katie--Married Chris Eicher--Victor, Ray, Martha (Mrs. Victor McBarnes), and others.
 3. Lydia--Married Chris Mertz--Fannie (Mrs. Amos Neuhauser, Swiss Village), Clara (Mrs. Menno Augsburg, a son).
 4. Albert--Never married.
 5. Fannie and another sister died in youth.
 6. Ellen--Married John Schlabach, Canton, O.--Arlo, Helen, Floyd, Virgil, Walter
 7. Christian--Married Prudence Soldner--Melvin, Willis, Edith, Lawrence
 8. Solomon--Married Velma Burley--Elizabeth, Lavon, Solomon, Ardon, Hugh David, Catherin, Grace
 9. John--Married and lived in Montana, deceased no children.

10. Noah--Married a Zehr--Carl, Herald--both deceased, Carl has a son living in Fort Wayne with the same name.

11. The youngest son died as a youth.

XII. Lydia--Married Jacob Egly

1. Ellen (Mrs. Ulrich)--Willa (Mrs. Steve Zehr, Grindley, Ill.) 2 other daughters and a son.

2. Emma--Married John Oyer--Dr. Harold Oyer, Ft. Wayne, Mrs. Leona Eyman, Gridley, Ill., and others.

3. Samuel--Holman Egly, Berne.

4. Mary (Married Dr. Ed Moser, Woodburn)--Madelin, John and another son.

5. Katie (Married a Mr. Rich, Woodburn).

6. Fannie, Married a Mr. Kepp.

7. Henry--No children.

8. Milo--lived in Pittsburgh, had 2 children.

XIII. Leah (Married Jacob Miller)--Solomon Miller, deceased. They lived in Hartford Twp. and in Elkhart Co. or perhaps Lagrange Co. Some of the Plank boys lived in Elkhart, Ind.

Please pardon all mistakes. I did the best I know for this large family.

Fannie Schindler

